

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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News Flash – Per Section 5501(a) of the Affordable Care Act, the Primary Care Incentive Payment (PCIP) program authorizes an incentive payment of 10 percent of Medicare's program payments to be paid to qualifying primary care physicians and non-physician practitioners for services rendered from Sunday, January 1, 2011, to Thursday, December 31, 2015. CMS has published 22 Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) items related to the PCIP program. These new FAQs can be found [here](#). Alternatively, these FAQ items can be found by visiting <http://questions.CMS.hhs.gov/> and searching for "PCIP" or "Primary Care Incentive Payment."

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Preventive Services Educational Resources for Health Care Professionals

Provider Types Affected

This MLN Matters® Special Edition Articles is intended for all Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) physicians, non-physician practitioners, providers, suppliers, and other health care professionals who order, refer, or provide Medicare-covered preventive services to Medicare beneficiaries.

What You Need to Know

- Use this article as a reference to available educational resources related to Medicare-covered preventive services.

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- Make each office visit an opportunity to encourage your patients to receive preventive services for which they are eligible.

Introduction

Medicare covers a wide variety of preventive services and screenings for eligible beneficiaries.

Educational Products for Health Care Professionals

The Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) offers a variety of educational products to help you understand coverage, coding, reimbursement, and billing information related to these services.

1. MLN Preventive Services Products for Health Care Professionals

- ***The Guide to Medicare Preventive Services, Fourth Edition*** – This guide is designed to provide education on Medicare's preventive benefits. It is available as a downloadable PDF at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/mps_guide_web-061305.pdf on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website.
- ***Quick Reference Information: Preventive Services*** – This educational tool is designed to provide education on the Medicare-covered preventive services. It is available as a downloadable PDF at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QuickReferenceChart_1.pdf on the CMS website.
- ***Quick Reference Information: Medicare Part B Immunization Billing*** – This educational tool is designed to provide education on Medicare-covered preventive immunizations. It is available in print and as a downloadable PDF at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/gr_immun_bill.pdf on the CMS website. This product is also available in hardcopy as part of the "Quick Reference Information Resources" hardcopy booklet.
- ***Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Initial Preventive Physical Examination*** – This educational tool is designed to provide education on the Initial Preventive Physical Examination, also known as the IPPE. It is available as a downloadable PDF at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/MPS_QRI_IPPE001a.pdf on the CMS website.
- ***Quick Reference Information: The ABCs of Providing the Annual Wellness Visit*** – This educational tool is designed to provide education on the

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Annual Wellness Visit (AWV). It is available as a downloadable PDF at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/AWV_Chart_ICN905706.pdf on the CMS website.

- ***Preventive Brochures and Fact Sheets*** – In addition, the MLN offers the following brochures and fact sheets:
 - *Annual Wellness Visit,*
 - *Bone Mass-Measurements,*
 - *Cancer Screenings,*
 - *Diabetes-Related Services,*
 - *Expanded Benefits,*
 - *Human Immunodeficiency Virus Screening,*
 - *Mass Immunizers and Roster Billing,*
 - *Preventive Immunizations, and*
 - *Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling Services.*

To view the downloadable PDFs for these products, visit the Preventive Services Educational Products PDF page at

http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/Downloads/education_products_prevserv.pdf on the CMS website.

- **Note:** To order hardcopy products, please visit the Preventive Services MLN Educational Products web page at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp and go to the "Related Links Inside CMS" section and select "MLN Product Ordering Page."
- ***MLN Preventive Services Educational Products Web Page*** - This MLN web page provides descriptions of all MLN preventive service-related educational products and resources designed specifically for Medicare FFS health care professionals. This web page is available at http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/35_PreventiveServices.asp on the CMS website.

2. ***Other CMS Resources***

- **Prevention General Information Overview** web page is available at <http://www.cms.gov/PrevntionGenInfo> on the CMS website.

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- CMS Frequently Asked Questions are available at http://questions.cms.hhs.gov/cgi-bin/cmshhs.cfg/php/enduser/std_alp.php?p_sid=I3ALEDhi on the CMS website.

3. *Additional Preventive Services*

Under the Affordable Care Act, CMS has the authority to cover additional preventive services that meet certain criteria through the National Coverage Determination Process. In addition to the websites above, please visit the CMS press release web page at http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp on the CMS website.

Beneficiary Information

Please visit the Medicare.gov web page at <http://www.medicare.gov> for beneficiary-related information and resources you may share with your Medicare patients.

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